

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 7, please replace paragraph 00023 with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] In order to perform the centering process by repeatedly lifting and lowering the test weight on the weighing pan, it is desirable for the test weight to have a sufficient degree of adhesive and sliding friction on the weighing pan. In comparative measurements of the coefficient of static friction for a coated weighing pan and a non-coated weighing pan, values of 0.5 to 1.0 proved the suitability of the coating material. A value of 0.2 for the non-coated weighing pan proved that the latter was not suited for performing the centering procedure.